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Proposal

Draft mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on a
"Ban on Anti-Personnel Landmines"

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item one of its agenda on a "Ban on Anti-Personnel Landmines" to negotiate, for conclusion at the earliest possible date, a universal, effectively verifiable and legally-binding international agreement to ban totally the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

As a vital first step towards such an agreement, the Conference directs the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate intensively a universal, effectively verifiable and legally-binding international agreement to ban totally the export, import or transfer of all types of anti-personnel landmines, as well as of their components and of anti-personnel landmine technology.

The Conference further directs the Ad Hoc Committee to consider and make recommendations on the further steps necessary to achieve the goal of a universal, effectively verifiable and legally-binding international agreement to ban totally the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee will take into account the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, in particular the amended Protocol II, as well as all relevant existing proposals and future initiatives.

The Conference requests the Ad Hoc Committee to report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1997 session.